

64. (Amended) An agent for preventing or treating bone metabolism diseases comprising the antibody of [any one of claims] claim 49[-57] as an active component.

REMARKS

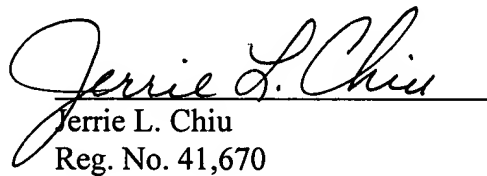
By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-64 are pending as presented for consideration herein. Claims 12, 13, 16-20, 24-28, 30-35, 38-41, 43-48, 57, and 60-64 have been amended.

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 248-7861.

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